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Editing a professional journal is a highlight of our professional careers as interpreters, interpreter educators, researchers, and authors. Probably the most rewarding benefit of editing the JOI is the opportunity to review the work of devoted practitioners who contribute manuscripts. These authors seek to expand the body of evidence we have on the complex task of interpreting, and by taking the time to produce scholarly manuscripts, they allow the rest of us to improve our own practice as interpreters. We are inspired by the many ideas that are submitted to JOI for publication, and as always, we are in awe of students, mentors, seasoned researchers, and first time authors who seek publication.

We would like to thank each of the authors who persevered to the final publication of this volume. Seeing their work in print has been a long time coming, as the period since the 2015 RID Convention resulted in extensive deliberation about publishing the content in ASL as well as English. With author timelines as our first priority, we worked with RID to bring this volume into its final form, but there is more to be decided from this volume forward. In the coming months, RID will review the medium by which scholarly work is best documented and accessed. Decisions by RID and the Board of Directors will affect the future of the JOI and other publications, so the editorship of JOI will continue to work closely with the national office.

This volume contains original research that brings us closer and closer to basing our work upon evidence, not just anecdotal wisdom. The volume also contains manuscripts that present issues and propose solutions to priorities within the profession, such as testing and collaborating in teams. While not all articles published in the JOI are based upon empirical research, our job as editors requires us to uphold a scholarly standard of writing and reporting that is credible and trustworthy. All of the authors featured in this volume worked diligently to perfect their work. We enjoy the opportunity to mentor new authors by providing them with feedback for improvement, and we work to avoid rejecting manuscripts that fundamentally hold promise for publication. Timelines for publication are influenced by numerous factors, including the need for the manuscripts to be re-worked and resubmitted for additional review. Although we would like to have seen this volume published sooner, we are pleased to publish it with the highest quality possible.

Thank you for entrusting us with keeping the JOI operational and available as an open source journal.